CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALU DDIN AHMED): (a) The Central Government has not received any report regarding shortage of foodgrains from the Government of Madhya Pradesh during the last few months. Some shortage of kerosene was reported in certain areas/pockets of the State in recent months.

(b) and (c). State Government has requested for increase in allocation of foodgrains to cover additional areas having concentration of tribal population under the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS). Though there is no proposal at present to increase the area of coverage under RPDS in Madhya Pradesh, additional allocation of 7,660 tonnes each of rice and wheat per month has been made to Madhya Pradesh effective from July, 1994 to enable the State to make adequate allocations to the RPDS areas in the State. Sub-allocations to particular regions and districts within the State is a matter under the administrative jurisdiction of the State Government.

Proposal of Madhya Pradesh for buying mobile vans under RPDS

3454. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal for the purchase of mobile vans under the revamped Public Distribution System during 1993-94; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALU-DDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) A proposal seeking financial assistance for the purchase of 30 vans amounting to Rs.1.20 crores was received from Government of Madhya Pradesh during 1993-94. The Central Government sanctioned Rs. 80.00 lakhs for purchase of 20 vans, keeping in view the overall availability of funds and *inter-se* requirement of funds for all the States/UTs which had sought assistance under the scheme.

Commodities in Third Schedule of Weights and Measures Rules, 1977 reduced

3455. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced the list from 38 commodities to only 14 items in the Third Schedule of the Weights and Measures Rules of 1977;

(b) whether it is a fact that tooth-paste and other items of common use are now beyond any control;

(c) what is the logic formaking value judgements on the goods to be deleted from the Third Schedule of the Weights and Measures Rules, 1977; and

(d) the details of steps proposed to review the list of 24 items removed from the Third Schedule of the said Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALU-DDIN AHMED): (a) An amendment was made in the Standards of Weights & Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 to delete certain items from the Third Schedule of the Rules vide Notification GSR No. 591 dated 20th July, 1994. A list of the items deleted from the Third Schedule is given in the Statement. (*see* below)

(b) No, Sir. All pre-packed commodities intended for retail sale are